

## Students Taught To Be Scabs

**Machinist Union Reports to The Central Labor Council. Demand That Practice Be Stopped. Committee To Ask Officials Not To Interfere With Peaceful Picketing at Machine Shops.**

Having received a report from local machinists' unions, whose members are on strike, that the University of Cincinnati is permitting its co-operative students to enter shops in which strikes are on, and that the Manual Training School also is doing so, Central Labor Council on Tuesday night adopted a resolution instructing its grievance committee to demand of Dean Schneider and Superintendent of Schools Condon that "students of our public institutions shall not be used as strike breakers."

The machinists also charged in resolutions that police have been "unduly active in the matter of trying to nullify their efforts and discourage them from a continuance of picket duty by reason of numerous arrests for loitering, and that 'unfortunately there is no city ordinance or state law defining what is or what is not peaceful picketing, thereby leaving the pickets at the mercy of the whims or notions of the police.'"

By request of the machinists council adopted resolutions instructing its grievance committee to demand of Director of Public Safety Friedlander and Mayor Puchta that the machinists on strike not be molested by the police while they are doing peaceful picket duty "recognized under federal and state laws of many states, as lawful," and that its law committee consult an authority on constitutional law and draft a picket ordinance, to be submitted to Council for passage.

### Another Protest Registered.

Another protest was registered by the machinists to the effect that the City Employment Bureau is sending men to machine shops now affected by strikes. It was decided to ask proper authorities to instruct the Employment Bureau to discontinue doing so.

P. J. Conlon, Washington, vice-president of the International Association of Machinists, said:

"How can we expect any other treatment than we are getting from the police when our Director of Public Safety is President of the Hisey-Wolf Machine Company and our Mayor a Director in the Queen City Iron Works and both of them connected with the Cincinnati Metal Trades' Association. The police try to discourage our men in their picketing by giving them a ride in a patrol. No two police districts in the city have the same rules governing picket duty."

"Unless the eight-hour day is granted in Cincinnati thirty more shops will be affected by strikes May 1, involving 4,000 men."

Secretary Prout was instructed to send letters to United States Senators Pomerene and Harding urging them to vote for the confirmation of Louis D. Brandeis as associate justice of supreme court.

### Wood Carvers Make Request.

In compliance with a request from the International Wood Carvers' Union the secretary also was instructed to write to Congressmen Longworth and Allen asking them to support a bill that is to be introduced providing for protection of the public against imitation wood carving.

The Musicians' Union asked that the plan of the new Zoological Garden Commission be endorsed. Referred to the Public Utilities Committee.

The American Federation of Labor requested that the council use its efforts to have textbooks and geographies union made. It also asked the council to protest against a repeal of or any amendment to the seamen's bill. Both requests were concurred in.

A number of organizations reported amounts they had donated to the Danbury batters.

The Ice Drivers' Union reported that its members are planning to give one hour's pay to striking machinists.

Officers were installed as follows: President, Thomas H. Mugavin; Vice-President, John Alf; Recording Secretary, William Prout; Treasurer, Kathryn Nordman; Guide, Charles Sullivan; Guardian, William Day; Trustees, Albert Jones, William McTrinder and James Sheil.

### Bouquet For Treasurer.

Miss Nordman was presented with a bouquet by members of the Progressive ticket in honor of her election.

President Mugavin appointed the following committees: Credentials, Thomas Nash (chairman), Lawrence Cotter and George Tebbenhoff; Grievance, Joseph Meyung (chairman), William Prout, C. R. Hartman, John Alf and Thomas Anderson; Education, El Polack (chairman), Louis Distle, Michael Silbernagel, Joseph Cullen and Michael Schulz; Law, Adolph Kummer (chairman), Thomas McManus, Charles Townner, Edward Kirsch and Robert H. Sickmann; Organization, Frank L. Rist (chairman), Henry Ott, John Gilliam, John Daly and Jennie Anker; Examining, Albert Horbrock (chairman), Jo-

seph Bruner and Sebastian Ollinger. It was decided that the Public Utilities Committee is not a standing committee, and the present committee will act.

### Officials Deny Conlon's Statement.

"As far as this administration is concerned, everybody is going to get a square deal, whether employer or employee, union or non-union."

That was the substance of a statement issued Wednesday by Mayor Puchta, following a conference with Safety Director Friedlander, in answer to criticism made before Central Labor Council Tuesday night by P. J. Conlon of Washington, vice-president of the International Association of Machinists. Conlon charged that the alleged unfavorable police treatment accorded pickets in the machinists' strike is due to the fact that Friedlander and the mayor both have machine shop interests. The mayor's statement was endorsed by Friedlander.

"My interests and those of Mr. Friedlander have nothing to do with the police doing their duty as they should," said the mayor. "We are giving proper protection to all regardless of what their interests are. I think that any criticism on the part of that gentleman or anyone else is uncalled for. Even if my interests were as charged—and they are not—that would not prevent the police from doing their duty without fear or favor."

### Dean Schneider Emphatically Denies Charge.

"Positively no co-operative students of the University of Cincinnati have ever been used as strike-breakers. When the employees of a shop are on a strike we immediately withdraw the students in manual training who may be there, and maintain a neutral position."

This statement was made by Dean Herman Schneider of the University Wednesday, in answer to the charge made by the Central Labor Council in resolutions, adopted Tuesday evening, demanding Dean Schneider and Superintendent of Schools Condon that the students not be used as strikebreakers.

Vice-President P. J. Conlon of the Machinists' Union, in an address at the council meeting, said that the police were over-active in the arrest of union pickets. The Grievance Committee was instructed to confer with Safety Director Friedlander in this connection. Mr. Conlon said that unless the eight-hour day was granted machinists in Cincinnati, thirty more shops, involving 4,000 men, would be "struck" by May 1. Thomas Mugavin, president, and other new officers of the Central Labor Council, were installed.

### URGE UNION-MADE TEXT BOOKS.

Washington.—In a circular to A. F. of L. organizers and secretaries of state and central bodies, Secretary Frank Morrison calls attention to the resolution passed by the Philadelphia convention of the A. F. of L., in which it is stated that "the present war in Europe makes it certain beyond reasonable doubt that many extensive changes in international boundaries will occur, thus destroying the value of existing school maps," and the close of the war will be followed by a general revision of public school text books.

Secretary Morrison urges that an agitation be started to make possible school books printed under union conditions and that school authorities, school teachers and other citizens interested in education be asked to assist.

### CITIZENS ON PUBLIC WORKS.

Albany, N. Y.—Trade unionists in this state will urge the re-enactment of the anti-alien public works law of 1909 which was amended by the last legislature to permit contractors to employ aliens when citizens are not available. This latter amendment was passed while the United States supreme court was considering the 1909 act, which was later declared unconstitutional on the ground that the state, as guardian of the people's money, has the right to prescribe conditions under which it may be expended. In view of this decision, the state federation of labor will ask the legislature to re-enact the old law.

### FOUR AWARDS GRANTED.

Columbus, Ohio.—In four cases today awards for loss of a provider were granted by the State Industrial Commission to dependents under the terms of the workmen's compensation law. The beneficiaries were: Widow and three children of Edward H. Horrocks, of Cleveland, \$3,744; widow and six children of W. N. Cornett, of Hamilton, 2,496; widow and daughter of Dawson D. McMurray, of Mentor, \$2,068.56; father and mother of Carl Kuntz, of Barberton, \$1,871.64.

## EASY SAILING FOR JAMES M. COX

IN GUBERNATORIAL CONTEST IS PICTURED BY POST.

There's Nothing In Being Kicker, He Says, Promising to Stay Behind Daytonian This Year.

People of Ohio Unanimously With President on Preparedness, Former Congressman Says.

Washington.—That James M. Cox will be nominated by the Democrats of Ohio as their candidate for Governor and elected by the people in November was the opinion expressed here today by former Congressman J. D. Post, of Washington, C. H. Furthermore, if Cox is nominated Post will work shoulder to shoulder with him to aid in securing his election.

Two years ago when Cox ran for Governor Post was clear off the reservation. But now he looks at the situation in a different light.

"There is nothing in being a kicker all the time. It looks to me very much like Cox will be nominated and also elected," said he. "As far as I can learn he will have behind him all the former members of Congress who left him two years ago. I refer to Messrs. Whitacre, Goeke, Bathrick, Francis and myself. My personal preference would be Judson Harmon, but if Cox is nominated we will all be regular and support him."

Mr. Post came to the national capital on a matter before the postoffice department for a Columbus client. While here he called on J. P. Tumulty, secretary to the President, and speeded up the issuance of a commission to S. A. Murray as postmaster of Washington C. H. Although several hundred postmasters' commissions are stacked up awaiting the Presidential signature Secretary Tumulty made this one "special." It will be forwarded Monday.

"I think the people of Ohio are nearly unanimous behind the President in his fight for preparedness," said Post.

### CAPITAL AND LABOR.

To Demand That Watson Be Retained in Compensation Bureau.

Columbus, O.—Because of the importance of his position at this time, when the liability insurance companies have renewed their attempt to break down the Ohio state insurance plan of administering workmen's compensation, there is marked interest on the part of both manufacturers and laboring men in the course that is to be pursued in connection with the position of actuary in the Workmen's Compensation Bureau of the State Industrial Commission.

The position is now held, but only provisionally, by Emile Watson, whose record in the place has been such as to win him the unqualified indorsement of capital and labor and the undying enmity of the opponents of the state plan.

Manufacturers and laboring men may soon make formal demand that he be appointed permanently, either as a civil service employee or as an expert exempt from the classified service. When the State Civil Service Commission passes upon his status it is indicated that the State Industrial Commission will be ready to act on his appointment.

If he is appointed it will be for the Governor to approve the appointment or refuse, which will have the effect of compelling the change against which capital and labor have protested.

### P. O. EMPLOYEES DEFENDED

Parkersburg, W. Va.—In a double-column editorial *The State Journal* of this city condemns most vigorously the conviction in Judge Dayton's Federal court of a score of Fairmont postal employees who resigned their positions because of a failure to secure justice from the Postoffice Department and the Civil Service Commission. The editor says, in part:

"It is well to bear in mind that the Fairmont postoffice employees were indicted and prosecuted for a conspiracy to obstruct and retard the passage of the mails by peaceably quitting their employment. It was admitted by the government that they had used neither physical force, threats, intimidation or moral suasion to prevent others from taking their places. They undertook to exercise no control save that guaranteed them—control of themselves and their own services."

"If the government of the United States in the civil service has the right and the power to compel its employees to continue their services under these circumstances, and upon the contention set up in this case, whether the employees will or no, then private interests and private employers have the same right and the same power."

"In such a proposition there is neither law nor logic. None but an autocrat and a despot would make such pretensions."

"As a champion of our free institutions, of the liberty that has been the gift of the fathers, and preserved by the immortal deeds of Washington, of Jefferson and of Lincoln, *The State Journal* protests. We call upon the West Virginia representatives in congress to ask for an inquiry turning the full light of publicity upon this attempt to beat down popular rights held sacred since the beginning."

## PRIVATE ARMIES DENOUNDED

Hibbing, Minn.—Editor Atkinson of *The Mesaba Ore* opposes the practice of corporations maintaining private armies of gunmen. He says:

"The Oliver police is a force of trained and uniformed men in the pay of the Oliver Iron Mining Company, and is in direct violation of the rights of liberty. These officers are deputy sheriffs, but their salaries are paid by the United States Steel Corporation. How does that look to you who think you are living in a free country and under a form of government that insures life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?"

"Supposing now, for instance, there comes trouble at the mines and the mining companies see fit to order out its private police force to shoot down those they deem need shooting down, then you can understand the nature of this prostitution of the laws of the State—wherein a private corporation is permitted to control and use the machinery of the sheriff's office to protect the mining companies in anything they may undertake."

"Our own county officers are lured by a corporation to shoot us down if we should do anything displeasing to the mining companies (it may never be as bad as that, to be sure, but the power is there just the same), and we are therefore at the mercy of the mining people, who can use the police power of the State for their own private purposes, be they right or wrong."

"The recent disastrous results of the labor trouble at Youngstown, Ohio, was caused directly by the armed guards employed at the mills, who flouted their brief 'authority' in the faces of the men who were trying to gain a decent day's wage, and murder, riot and fire followed."

"We hope to see more stringent laws enacted for the protection of the people against the greed of the mining companies and other large employers of labor. There is need, and that right soon."

### SECOND RAISE IN WAGES.

Houghton, Mich.—Fifteen hundred miners of the Wolverine and Mohawk mines of the Stanton group will receive a second increase in wages, running from 5 to 10 per cent.

### WAGE BOOST GRANTED.

Harrisburg, Pa.—The Central Iron and Steel Company has raised the wages of 800 employees on a varying scale as high as 10 per cent.

## GAINS FOR POSTAL CLERKS.

Washington.—The House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads has approved the Tague bill, which allows compensatory time for holiday service to postal clerks and carriers. This legislation was suggested by the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks. Other features in the postoffice supply measure urged by these union clerks, and approved by the committee are:

Restoration of the salaries of demoted collectors; promotion of 2,000 clerks from \$1,200 to \$1,300 and \$1,400 yearly; raising of all laborers from a \$720 to an \$840 grade, and a provision to prevent manipulation of the substitutes' pay by withholding appointments to the regular force.

The labor group is preparing to support these remedial measures for the postal workers when the bill reaches the floor of the House.

## RURAL CREDITS URGED.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Support for rural credits legislation now pending in Congress was asked of the State Board of Agriculture by Representative Moss, of Indiana, who declared that the farmer should have the advantage of funding his debt and paying it along lines similar to building and loan payments and endowment life insurance payments. He said the Federal reserve banking system will not help agriculture "to the full measure of its possibilities" unless "supplemental legislation" is provided.

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